QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Increase in house rent.

1. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether they have received any representation from a section of the Alleppey public, requesting to take action against the house owners, who increase the rent abnormally at this time;

(*b*) whether the Cochin Government have taken any action against the house owners, ordering them not to increase the rent during war; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action on the representation in (a)?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This Government will obtain full particulars of the scheme.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member how long since the representation has been received?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: About 5 months back.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member what preliminary step has been taken?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: The Municipal Chairman at Alleppey as well as the Chairmen at other Centres have been addressed so that we might collect the necessary information with a view to taking legislative action.

Mr. G. Revi Varma (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): With reference to answer under clause (c) of the question, will the honourable member be pleased to state whether any scheme is under consideration of Government?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: Arrangements are being made and where it is thought that relief is necessary action will certainly be taken.

Water Supply in the Municipal Town of Kottayam.

2. *Mr. P. Gopalan (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they have felt the necessity of water supply in the Municipal Town of Kottayam; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the steps taken for the same?

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Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Preliminary investigations have been conducted and the sinking of wells for the supply of water is in progress.

Mr. P. Gopalan: ജലവിതരണം കോട്ടയത്ത് ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ട് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ എത്ര നാളായെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: ഏകദേശം നാലു കൊല്ലം വരും.

Mr. K. C. Chandy (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*): May I know from the Honourable Member, how many wells have actually been sunk and how many are in progress ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: One has been completed and the sites for three others have to be selected by the Municipal President.

Mr. P. Gopalan : ഇതിലേക്ക് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും എന്തെങ്കിലും നിർദ്ദേശം നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It is in consultation with the Municipal President that these wells have been sunk.

Revised Scale of pay.

3. ***Mr. K. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government published the Revised scale of pay and allowance of Public servants in the State ;

(*b*) when it was published ;

(*c*) whether it is put in force ; if so, from what date ; and

(*d*) whether that is put in force in all departments quasi-Government institutions like the Municipalities and Village Panchayat Courts of the State ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the Gazettes Extraordinary dated 11th March 1944 and 8th May 1944.

(*c*) Yes ; from 1st Makaram 1119.

(*d*) The revision applies to all Departments of Government but not to Municipalities and Village Panchayats.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member whether the Government have received any memorial complaining about the inequalities of the 'Thommenisation' scheme at the time ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer: No.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the Government whether they have received any memorial from the public who have suffered much on account of the 'Thommenisation' scheme?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer: There is no such scheme a 'Thommenisation' scheme.

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